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In re Patent Application of:  
Lee E. Cannon

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Art Unit: 3713

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GAMING  
MACHINES WITH A TOURNAMENT PLAY  
BONUS FEATURE

Examiner: S. Jones

**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING**  
**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated June 15, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.